

Butler A.M. Rotary Club
Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Cletus Scalo at 7:20 am.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Henry Thibault
The Invocation was given by Clint Champagne

Guest Speaker: Jack Cohen, Executive Director, Butler County Tourism & Convention Bureau
Guests: Ralph Davidson

Happy Bucks were given by the following members:

Judge Tim McCune: \$1 because he got 3 birdies in a row at Oakmont
Ron Jones: \$2 because he played at his church golf outing at Stoughtons, and because of new members Henry & Irene Thibault, and the great things they have going on at The Salvation Army
Ed Wadding: \$1 because of the Downtown Pride Clean Up on Saturday, October 24 at 9:00 a.m.; also \$1 for the Associated artists 75th Anniversary Reception on Thursday, October 15
Peggy Weckerly: because of the 510 people who attended the Job Fair last week
Clint Champagne \$4 because of Margaret Clawson and the Parker Personal Care Home; the Farm Tour, which is great because of Jack Cohen; Clint's son got engaged on Friday; Clint's first visit to Cabela's
Paul Wharton: \$1 because he went to the Court of Common Pleas on Thursday for the adoption of a new great grandchild, and he has 3 more on the way

President Scalo presided over the induction of new member Jim Thompson. Jim was presented with a certificate of membership, 4-Way Test certificate and a Rotary decal for his car.

President Scalo updated the Club about decisions made at the last Board meeting:

- Candy Hartley was appointed to chair the Nominating Committee. She will be contacting others to help her choose a slate of officers including a new Vice President, and a new Board member. The slate will be presented and voted on at the December general meeting.
- Our Club will be purchasing two goats from Heifer international.
- All members are encouraged to bring a guest to the Membership event at Conley's Resort on Tuesday October 20, 2009 at 7:00 a.m.
- The flowers will be removed from the New Castle Street Garden and the Bridge Garden on Saturday, October 31, 2009. Following that the members will go to the highway clean up project at the 422/68/38 intersection. Start time is 9:00 a.m.
- The Toys for Tots Christmas Event may also include a food drive.

President Scalo introduced our speaker, Jack Cohen, from the Butler County Tourism and Convention Bureau.

Mr. Cohen, who is also a founding member of the Cranberry Sunrise Rotary Club, distributed packets of information about Butler County. He spoke about the various events coming to Butler County including the Jeep Heritage Festival on August 11, 12 & 13, 2011. It has been marketed to a 300 mile radius, but they have been receiving calls from all over the world. The Bureau is working with AK Steel to save the Bantam Jeep Building. After it has been restored they will turn it over to the City of Butler to use as office space and a Jeep Museum.

The Jeep Festival will be held at the Butler Fairgrounds, and include a 4-Wheel Drive arena. There will be other venues to attract people including a concert on Saturday night. He is asking for civic groups like the Rotary Clubs to take an active part in the Festival.

He also spoke about the International Fireworks Convention to be held at Coopers Lake in August 2013, the 2012 State Bowling Tournament and the 2010 Convention of International Park Rangers to be held at the Sheraton. The Sunrise Rotary is working to get a partnership with a sister city in China. This will be a county-wide project which will also involve Slippery Rock University.

The Center City Project is waiting for financing to go through and also looking for a hotel operator.

They are also looking into building a facility that will hold over 700 people for trainings, etc. The Bureau is also working with new sports venues. Slippery Rock University and local high schools will be involved in that as well.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Cletus Scalo.

There being no other business, President Scalo adjourned the meeting with the Four Way Test at 8:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Harbison, Secretary